

Section 11. The fact that there is no law making effective the provisions of Section 59, Article 16, of the Constitution as applying to conservation and reclamation districts, and that to put said provision of the Constitution into immediate effect as herein provided will greatly increase the productive area of the State, and is of vital importance to the State and Nation, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity exists requiring the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days, and it is hereby suspended, and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Enrolling Committee Reports.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate Bill No. 41, copy of which is hereto attached and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day at 2:48 o'clock p. m. presented same to the Governor for his approval.

SMITH, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8, copy of which is hereto attached and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day at 2:48 o'clock p. m. presented same to the Governor for his approval.

SMITH, Chairman.

By Hudspeth, and S. C. R. No. 8.
Bailey.

Whereas, The drouth in the school land area of the State is so severe that the resources of the citizens are necessary for the feeding of stock and personal existence; and

Whereas, The interest due on the school land accounts is well secured by a lien on the land; therefore be it

Resolved, by the Senate of the State of Texas, the House concurring, That the forfeiture by the Commissioner of the General Land Office of public free school land for the failure to pay interest due on purchases for the years 1916, and 1917 and 1918, be held in abeyance until August, 1919.

SIXTEENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber.

Austin, Texas,

Saturday, March 16, 1918.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by President Pro Tem. Decherd.

By unanimous consent, and on request of Senator McNealus, the Senate stood at ease for twenty minutes, at the expiration of which time the roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McNealus.
Caldwell.	Robbins.
Collins.	Smith.
Dean.	Strickland.
Decherd.	Suiter.
Floyd.	Westbrook.
Gibson.	Woodward.
Hall.	

Absent—Excused.

Clark.	Johnston of Harris.
Dayton.	McCollum.
Faust.	Page.
Hudspeth.	Parr.

Prayer by Rev. Simeon Shaw.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Alderdice.

Excused.

Senators Johnston of Harris and Faust were excused for today, on account of important business, on motion of Senator Bailey.

Senator Clark for today on account of important business on motion of Senator McNealus.

Petitions and Memorials.

See Appendix.

Committee Reports.

See Appendix.

House Bill No. 8.—Free Conference Committee Report.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House.

Sirs: Your Free Conference Committee to whom was referred House Bill No. 8, to adjust the difference between the House and the Senate as to this bill, have performed the duty assigned, and beg leave to report as follows:

Senate amendment No. 1, reading as follows: "Any liquor or drinks containing as much as one-half of one per cent alcohol and is manufactured or sold for beverage purposes shall be held to be intoxicating liquor within the terms and meaning of this Act." The Senate recedes from its action in adopting the amendment.

Senate amendment No. 2, as follows: "Section 10a. Any firm, or corporation found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this Act shall be liable unto the State of Texas for a penalty in a sum of not less than \$1,000.00 nor more than \$5,000.00 which penalties may be recovered in a civil action brought in the name of the State of Texas in any county of the State where the offense, in whole or in part, may have been committed and may be brought by the Attorney General of Texas or by the county or district attorney of the county in which the offense, in whole or in part, may have been committed; and each day that such company, firm or corporation may do or cause to be done any act or acts in violation hereof, shall constitute a separate offense, and the State of Texas shall proceed to collect said penalties as in other civil actions against companies, firms or corporations." Said action on the part of the Senate in adopting the

amendment is receded from by the Senate.

Senate amendment No. 3, which adds a new Section numbered, "Section 6a. Prohibiting the soliciting or taking orders for intoxicating liquors to be sold, bartered, transported, or to advertise for sale any intoxicating liquors." Adopted by your Free Conference Committee.

Senate amendments Nos. 4, 6, 5, 9, 10, 11, 7, and 8, all merely corrective amendments, have been adopted by your committee.

Senate amendment No. 14. "Prohibiting the issuance or renewal of licenses purporting to authorize the sale of intoxicating liquors, except as provided for by the Act, and revoking all outstanding licenses when this Act becomes effective." Adopted by your committee.

Your Free Conference Committee has corrected the caption of the bill, and as corrected substituted for Senate amendment No. 13.

Respectfully submitted,
WESTBROOK,
LATTIMORE,
SMITH,
SUITER,

On the part of the Senate.
THOMASON of El Paso,
BRYAN,
BLEDSOE,
YEATCH,
SPENCER,

On the part of the House.

The foregoing report was laid before the Senate, read, and on motion of Senator Suiter, the same was adopted.

Morning call concluded.

Senate Bill No. 39.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 39, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the protection of the health, safety and comfort of employes in factories, mills, workshops, mercantile establishments, laundries or other establishments where women are employed, providing for proper temperature and ventilation for the protection of the health of employes, requiring the removal of gas, effluvia or odors from places where employes are required to work and means to allay dust in-

jurious to the health of persons employed, prohibiting decomposed or putrescent matter or refuse of any kind to be allowed to remain in or around such place of employment: etc., and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Bee, the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Senate Bill No. 45.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 45, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 1, Chapter 91, of the General Laws passed by the Thirty-fourth Legislature at its regular session requiring applicants for license to practice law under the provisions of said chapter to produce the proof of the existence of the same or similar statute in the State from which the applicant immigrates; validating all licenses issued by the Clerk of the Supreme Court under the provisions of said Chapter 91, passed by the Thirty-fourth Legislature, prior to the passage of this Act, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report carrying committee amendments was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Bailey, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 45 put on its third reading and final sage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Bailey.	Johnson of Hall.
Bee.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Bell.	McNealus.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Robbins.
Collins.	Smith.
Dean.	Strickland.
Decherd.	Suiter.
Floyd.	Westbrook.
Gibson.	Woodward.
Hall.	

Absent.

Caldwell.	Page.
Hopkins.	Parr.

Absent—Excused.

Clark.	Hudspeth.
Dayton.	Johnston of Harris.
Faust.	McCollum.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Bailey, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alderdice.	Hall.
Bailey.	Henderson.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McNealus.
Caldwell.	Robbins.
Collins.	Smith.
Dean.	Suiter.
Decherd.	Westbrook.
Floyd.	Woodward.
Gibson.	

Absent.

Hopkins.	Parr.
Page.	Strickland.

Absent—Excused.

Clark.	Hudspeth.
Dayton.	Johnston of Harris.
Faust.	McCollum.

Senate Bill No. 49.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 49, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 66 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, relating to public health and providing a sanitary code for Texas, by adding thereto Article 4553a, prohibiting advertisement concerning certain diseases and afflictions, providing a penalty for the violation thereof and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

Senator Lattimore offered the following amendment which was read and adopted:

(1) Amend Senate Bill No. 49, by inserting after the word "whatsoever," in line 3, Section 2, of the bill, the following: "or who shall permit placards or posters to be or remain on buildings or outhouses on premises controlled by him containing."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Dean, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 49 put

on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Alderdice.	Hall.
Bailey.	Henderson.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McNealus.
Caldwell.	Robbins.
Collins.	Smith.
Dean.	Strickland.
Decherd.	Suiter.
Floyd.	Westbrook.
Gibson.	Woodward.

Absent.

Hopkins.	Parr.
Page.	

Absent—Excused.

Clark.	Hudspeth.
Dayton.	Johnston of Harris.
Faust.	McCollum.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Dean, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alderdice.	Hall.
Bailey.	Henderson.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McNealus.
Caldwell.	Robbins.
Collins.	Strickland.
Dean.	Suiter.
Decherd.	Westbrook.
Floyd.	Woodward.
Gibson.	

Absent.

Hopkins.	Smith.
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Absent—Excused.

Clark.	Johnston of Harris.
Dayton.	McCollum.
Faust.	Page.
Hudspeth.	Parr.

Senate Bill No. 86.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 86, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and establishing the Winnie Independent School District in the Counties of Chambers and Jefferson, State of Texas, defining

its boundaries and divesting the bodies now controlling the same of the title of all property now held and used for public school purposes within the territory within this Act described and investing the same in the Winnie Independent School District; providing for the election of a board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within said district; authorizing said district to issue bonds, and to assume the outstanding indebtedness against any of the common school districts affected by this Act; and investing the said district with the rights, powers and privileges and duties of a town and village incorporated for free school purposes only under the General Laws; and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Hall, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 86 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McNealus.
Caldwell.	Robbins.
Collins.	Smith.
Dean.	Strickland.
Decherd.	Suiter.
Floyd.	Westbrook.
Gibson.	Woodward.
Hall.	

Absent—Excused.

Clark.	Johnston of Harris.
Dayton.	McCollum.
Faust.	Page.
Hudspeth.	Parr.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Hall, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Alderdice.	Caldwell.
Bailey.	Collins.
Bee.	Dean.
Buchanan of Bell.	Decherd.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Floyd.

Gibson.	Robbins.
Hall.	Smith.
Henderson.	Strickland.
Hopkins.	Suiter.
Johnson of Hall.	Westbrook.
Lattimore.	Woodward.
McNealus.	

Absent—Excused.

Clark.	Johnston of Harris.
Dayton.	McCollum.
Faust.	Page.
Hudspeth.	Parr.

Senate Bill No. 95.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 95, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring that casualty insurance companies incorporated under Chapter 117, General Laws passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature shall hereafter have authority to write marine insurance in which may be included the hazards and perils incident to war; and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator McNealus, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 95 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Bailey.	Johnson of Hall.
Bee.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Bell.	McNealus.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Robbins.
Caldwell.	Smith.
Collins.	Strickland.
Dean.	Suiter.
Decherd.	Westbrook.
Floyd.	Woodward.
Gibson.	

Absent.

Hall.	Hopkins.
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Absent—Excused.

Clark.	Johnston of Harris.
Dayton.	McCollum.
Faust.	Page.
Hudspeth.	Parr.

The bill was laid before the

Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator McNealus, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McNealus.
Caldwell.	Robbins.
Collins.	Smith.
Dean.	Strickland.
Decherd.	Suiter.
Floyd.	Woodward.
Gibson.	

Absent.

Hall.	Westbrook.
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Absent—Excused.

Clark.	Johnston of Harris.
Dayton.	McCollum.
Faust.	Page.
Hudspeth.	Parr.

Senator McNealus moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Messages from the House.

Hall of House of Representatives.
Austin, Texas, March 16, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has

Adopted
Free Conference Committee report on House Bill No. 8.

Adopted
House Concurrent Resolution No. 8, relating to the extension of the K. C. M. & O. Ry. from San Angelo to Del Rio.

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Hall of House of Representatives.
Austin, Texas, March 16, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bill:

S. B. No. 28, A bill to be entitled

"An Act creating a court to be styled the Commission of Appeals of the State of Texas, to consist of six persons, learned in the law, to be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice of the Senate, which shall sit in two sections, known as Section A and Section B, each section consisting of three members, and who shall hold their office for two years and receive for their services a salary of \$5,000 per annum, and declaring an emergency," with amendments.

Adopted

Free Conference Committee report on House Bill No. 26, by the following vote: yeas, 101; nays, 0.

Respectfully.

BOB BARKER,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 30.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

"S. B. No. 30, A bill to be entitled 'An Act to better provide for the location, establishment and construction of the hospital at Rusk, Texas, for the care, treatment and support of insane persons of African race or descent, etc.'"

The committee report recommending a substitute bill, and that same be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Strickland, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 30 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McNealus.
Collins.	Smith.
Dean.	Strickland.
Decherd.	Suiter.
Floyd.	Westbrook.
Gibson.	Woodward.
Hall.	

Nays—1.

Caldwell.

Absent.

Robbins.

Absent—Excused.

Clark.	Johnston of Harris.
Dayton.	McCollum.
Faust.	Page.
Hudspeth.	Parr.

Senator McNealus offered the following amendment:

(1) Amend the bill by striking out "\$75,000.00" and inserting "\$100,000.00."

The amendment was read and adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Bailey.	Lattimore.
Bee.	McNealus.
Caldwell.	Smith.
Collins.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Westbrook.
Hall.	Woodward.
Henderson.	

Nays—5.

Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnson of Hall.
Decherd.	Suiter.
Floyd.	

Present—Not Voting.

Buchanan of Bell.

Absent.

Dean.	Robbins.
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Absent—Excused.

Clark.	Johnston of Harris.
Dayton.	McCollum.
Faust.	Page.
Hudspeth.	Parr.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Strickland, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Bailey.	Lattimore.
Bee.	McNealus.
Collins.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Westbrook.
Hall.	Woodward.
Henderson.	

Nays—5.

Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnson of Hall.
Caldwell.	Suiter.
Decherd.	

Present—Not Voting.

Buchanan of Bell.

Absent.

Dean.

Robbins.

Absent—Excused.

Clark.

Johnston of Harris.

Dayton.

McCollum.

Faust.

Page.

Hudspeth.

Parr.

Senate Bill No. 53 Set as Special Order.

By unanimous consent and on request of Senator Lattimore, Senate Bill No. 53, was set as a special order for next Monday at the conclusion of the morning call.

House Bill No. 28.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 28, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make effective the provisions of Section 59, of Article 16, of the Constitution, providing for the creation of conservation and reclamation districts, and providing that any water improvement district, drainage district or levee improvement district organized or to be organized as defined districts under the provisions of any law of this State, and Section 52 of Article 3, of the Constitution may avail itself of the benefits of Section 59, of Article 16, of the Constitution, and providing that any such district may incur indebtedness and levy taxes necessary to carry out the purpose of its organization, removing restrictions and limitations of indebtedness to be incurred by any such district; providing for the management and control of such district; and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be printed in the Journal only was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Henderson, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 28 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Alderdice.

Henderson.

Bailey.

Hopkins.

Bee.

Johnson of Hall.

Buchanan of Bell.

Lattimore.

Buchanan of Scurry.

McNealus.

Collins.

Robbins.

Dean.

Smith.

Decherd.

Strickland.

Floyd.

Suiter.

Gibson.

Westbrook.

Hall.

Woodward.

Absent.

Caldwell.

Absent—Excused.

Clark.

Johnston of Harris.

Dayton.

McCollum.

Faust.

Page.

Hudspeth.

Parr.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Henderson, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Alderdice.

Henderson.

Bailey.

Hopkins.

Bee.

Johnson of Hall.

Buchanan of Bell.

Lattimore.

Buchanan of Scurry.

McNealus.

Caldwell.

Robbins.

Collins.

Smith.

Dean.

Strickland.

Decherd.

Suiter.

Floyd.

Westbrook.

Gibson.

Woodward.

Hall.

Absent—Excused.

Clark.

Johnston of Harris.

Dayton.

McCollum.

Faust.

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Hudspeth.

Parr.

House Bill No. 26—Free Conference Committee Report.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 16, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sirs: Your Free Conference Committee appointed to adjust the differences between the House and Senate, on House Bill No. 26, known

as the Yantis Bill, beg leave to report that the conferees have adjusted the differences, and beg to report as follows:

All the Senate amendments which were merely corrective, have been concurred in by the House and adopted by the committee.

Section 9a has been corrected to read as follows:

"This Act shall be cumulative of all laws now in force in the State upon this subject and of all Acts of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, prohibiting and regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors, and it is expressly provided that no law now in force in this State prohibiting and regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors or any Act of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, prohibiting and regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors, is hereby repealed, but all such laws and Acts shall remain in full force and effect.

Respectfully submitted,

LATTIMORE,
COLLINS,
SUITER,
FLOYD,
DEAN,

On the part of the Senate.

YANTIS,
MURRELL,
COPE,
SMITH of Scurry,
McCORD,

On the part of the House.

The foregoing report was read and on motion of Senator Lattimore, the same was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—19.

Alderdice.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McNealus.
Collins.	Robbins.
Dean.	Smith.
Decherd.	Strickland.
Floyd.	Suiter.
Gibson.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	Woodward.
Hopkins.	

Nays—2.

Bee. Hall.

Present—Not Voting.

Bailey.

Caldwell.

Absent.

Absent—Excused.

Clark.	Johnston of Harris.
Dayton.	McCollum.
Faust.	Page.
Hudspeth.	Parr.

Senate Bill No. 94—Re-referred.

By unanimous consent and on request of Senator Lattimore, Senate Bill No. 94 was withdrawn from the Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufacturers.

Senate Bill No. 77.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 77, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make additional appropriations for the support and maintenance of the State Orphan Home for the remainder of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1918 and the fiscal year ending August 31, 1919, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Robbins, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 77 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McNealus.
Collins.	Robbins.
Dean.	Strickland.
Decherd.	Suiter.
Floyd.	Westbrook.
Gibson.	Woodward.
Hall.	

Absent.

Caldwell. Smith.

Absent—Excused.

Clark.	Johnston of Harris.
Dayton.	McCollum.
Faust.	Page.
Hudspeth.	Parr.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Robbins, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McNealus.
Collins.	Robbins.
Dean.	Smith.
Decherd.	Strickland.
Floyd.	Suiter.
Gibson.	Westbrook.
Hall.	Woodward.

Absent.

Caldwell.

Absent—Excused.

Clark.	Johnston of Harris.
Dayton.	McCollum.
Faust.	Page.
Hudspeth.	Parr.

Messages from the Governor.

A messenger here appeared at the bar of the Senate with several executive messages, which were laid before the Senate and read as follows:

Governor's Office.

Austin, Texas, March 16, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

At the request of Hon. W. M. Fly, I submit for your consideration an Act to provide a permanent record of all marriages and divorces in the State of Texas; to prescribe a fee to be paid upon the issuance of the marriage licenses for the maintenance of the Bureau of Vital Statistics; to prescribe the duties of the county clerk, district clerk, and State Registrar of Vital Statistics, within this State, with reference to such records and the manner of handling fees; and prescribing a fee for the county clerk and district clerk for the forwarding of such records.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office.

Austin, Texas, March 16, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

At the request of Senator J. C.

McNealus, I submit for your consideration, the subject of a claim presented by Mrs. J. D. Skelton for the payment of an amount due her father, Col. Wm. Fitzhugh, for mules and supplies furnished the State Ranger Service of the State of Texas, in 1860, which sum amounts to \$7,471.00.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office.

Austin, Texas, March 16, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

At the request of Hon. W. L. Hall, I submit for your consideration an Act granting permission to A. E. Masterson to bring suit against the State of Texas in the district court of Brazoria County, Texas, for rents claimed to be due the said A. E. Masterson, which lands were cultivated during the year 1917 by the Board of Prison Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Bills and Resolutions.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Senator McNealus.

S. B. No. 91, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the payment to Mrs. J. D. Skelton, daughter of Colonel William Fitzhugh, deceased, the amount due the said Colonel William Fitzhugh and remaining unpaid by the State of Texas, for the purchase by the State of Texas, from Colonel William Fitzhugh, of mules for the Ranger Service, prior to 1860."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Public Debts, Claims and Accounts.

By Senator Hall.

S. B. No. 97, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting permission to A. E. Masterson to bring suit against the State of Texas in the district court of Brazoria County, Texas, for rents claimed to be due the said A. E. Masterson for rents on lands situated in Brazoria County, Texas, which lands were cultivated during the year 1917 by the Board of Prison

Commissioners, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

Senate Bill No. 84.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 84, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish and fix the salary of the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds of the State of Texas, providing for an appropriation to pay said salary, and creating an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

On motion of Senator Caldwell, the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Senate Bill No. 80.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 80, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate sales of school land on condition of settlement in cases where purchasers have been, or may be, drafted into the service of the Federal Government before they had time to settle on the land, and in some cases where they did comply with the law relative to settlement but have been, or may hereafter be forced to leave the land to make a support for themselves and for their families, or have been, or may be, drafted into the service of the Federal Government before completing the required residence, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

On motion of Senator Collins, the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

House Bill No. 118.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 118, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Mauriceville Independent School District in Orange County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over one day was suspended.

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Collins, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 118 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McNealus.
Collins.	Robbins.
Dean.	Smith.
Decherd.	Strickland.
Floyd.	Sulter.
Gibson.	Woodward.
Hall.	

Absent.

Caldwell.	Westbrook.
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Absent—Excused.

Clark.	Johnston of Harris.
Dayton.	McCollum.
Faust.	Page.
Hudspeth.	Parr.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Collins, was passed finally.

Senate Bill No. 88.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 88, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Articles 7074, 7366, 7367, 7368 and 7392 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, creating the office of State Revenue Agent and defining his powers and duties, repealing the appropriation for said State Revenue Agent, the bill to become effective January 15, 1919, and declaring an emergency."

The Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over one day was suspended.

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

On motion of Senator Alderdice, the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Senate Bill No. 79.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 79, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make effective the provisions of Section 59, of Article 16 of the Constitution, providing for the creation of conservation and reclamation districts, and providing that any water improvement district, drainage district or levee improvement district organized, or to be organized as defined districts under the provisions of any law of this State and Section 52 of Article 3, of the Constitution, may avail itself of the benefits of Section 59 of Article 16 of the Constitution, and providing that any such district may incur indebtedness and levy taxes necessary to carry out the purpose of its organization, removing restrictions and limitations of indebtedness to be incurred by any such district; providing for the management and control of such district, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Henderson, the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

At Ease.

At 12:05 o'clock p. m., the Senate, on request of Senator Bailey, stood at ease for twenty-five minutes.

In the Senate.

(President Pro Tem. Decherd in the chair.)

Simple Resolution No. 38.

(By unanimous consent.)

Whereas, Tomorrow, March 17, is Saint Patrick's Day, a day dear to the heart of all true Irishmen; therefore, be it

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns today it do so in honor of this historic anniversary, and with the hope that the arrival of the next Saint Patrick's Day, Ireland may be free.

McNEALUS.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Bills Signed.

The Chair, President Pro Tem. Decherd, gave notice of signing and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read, the following bills:

H. B. No. 8, A bill to be entitled "An Act prohibiting the manufacture, sale, barter or exchange of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, or liquors of any character capable of producing intoxication within this State on and after the taking effect of this Act, except for medicinal, mechanical, scientific or sacramental purposes; prohibiting the use of premises, devices and aids in the manufacture, sale, barter or exchange of such liquors; providing penalties for violation of this Act, providing certain civil remedies for the enforcement of the terms of this Act, the same being cumulative of all other remedies relevant thereunto; prescribing the terms upon which liquors may be manufactured, sold, bartered or exchanged for medicinal, mechanical, scientific or sacramental purposes; providing procedure for the procuring of evidence for the enforcement of the terms of this Act and providing procedure for the prevention of violations of the terms of this Act; repealing certain laws in conflict herewith, making the terms of this Act cumulative of all other laws upon the subject not in conflict herewith; extending to the entire State the provisions of certain statutes heretofore applicable to local option territory, making it a felony punishable by confinement in the penitentiary to keep a cold storage or place for the keeping for others of such liquors and punishing corporations by fines, penalties and forfeiture of charters for the violation of this; providing penalties and remedies against officers charged with any duty in connection with the enforcement of this Act for failure to perform such duties; prescribing venue; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 14, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit making an appointment for, or soliciting any person in the service of the United States military or naval forces to meet or come in contact with any immoral woman, for the purpose of unlawful sexual intercourse, and declaring an emergency."

Adjournment.

At 12:30 o'clock p. m., the Senate, on motion of Senator Lattimore, adjourned until 10 o'clock next Monday morning.

APPENDIX.

Petitions and Memorials.

Senator Buchanan of Bell offered three petitions from citizens protesting against the amendment of the Terrell Election Law.

Engrossing Committee Reports.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 16, 1918.
Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills has had Senate Bill No. 61 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 16, 1918.
Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills has had Senate Bill No. 46 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 16, 1918.
Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills has had Senate Bill No. 44 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 16, 1918.
Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills has had Senate Bill No. 43 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 16, 1918.
Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on En-

grossed Bills has had Senate Bill No. 95 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 16, 1918.
Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills has had Senate Bill No. 92 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Reports.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 16, 1918.
Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 105, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide that women may vote in all primary elections and nominating conventions in Texas; prescribing qualifications for such voters, providing for registration in cities of ten thousand and over, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

DECHERD, Acting Chairman.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, March 16, 1918.
Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 88,

Have had the same under consideration, and I am directed by the Committee to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Collins, Acting Chairman; Gibson, Smith, Westbrook, Robbins, Lattimore, Strickland.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, March 16, 1918.
Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Civil

Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 97, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting permission to A. E. Masterson to bring suit against the State of Texas in the district court of Brazoria County, Texas, for rents claimed to be due the said A. E. Masterson for rents on lands situated in Brazoria County, Texas, which lands were cultivated during the year 1917 by the Board of Prison Commissioners and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Bailey, Chairman; Hall, Bee, Henderson, Suiter, Dean.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 16, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 89,

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed, but be printed in the Journal.

BAILEY, Chairman.

By Dean.

S. B. No. 89.

A BILL

To be entitled

An Act to amend Article 698 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, of 1911, so as to authorize the investment of the sinking funds of counties, cities, towns, school districts or school communities in United States bonds, war saving certificates, certificates of indebtedness issued by the United States Government and in State, city or town bonds, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article 698, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, be so amended that said Article shall hereafter read as follows:

Article 698. Sinking funds of county, city, town, school district or school community to be invested in United States, State, city or town

bonds, provided, etc. The commissioner's court of any county, the city council of any incorporated city or town, and the board of trustees of any independent school district, or of any other school district or school community, in the State of Texas, are authorized and empowered whenever they may deem it advisable, to invest any sinking fund or sinking funds now on hand or hereafter acquired for the redemption and payment of any outstanding bonds of such county, city or town, or independent school district, or any other school district or school community, in bonds of the United States, War Savings Certificates and Certificates of Indebtedness, issued by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States and in bonds of the State of Texas, of any county of the State of Texas, or of any incorporated city or town; provided, that no such bonds shall be so purchased which, according to their terms, mature at a date subsequent to the time of maturity of the bonds for the payment of which such sinking fund was created; and, provided, further, that in the event any commissioners court, city council or board of trustees is unable to purchase any securities of the character above mentioned, which mature at a date prior to the time of maturity of the bond for the payment of which such sinking fund was created, then they are authorized in their discretion, to invest such funds in the bonds of any independent school district, or of any other school district or school community authorized to issue bonds, under the same restrictions as herein mentioned.

Section 2. The fact that there are at present large sums of money belonging to the sinking funds of the various counties, cities, towns, schools districts and school communities in this State for which no investment can be found in the securities in which said bonds may now be invested under the law, and the further fact that War Savings Certificates and other certificates of indebtedness which may from time to time be issued by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States Government will afford safe investments for such sinking funds, and the further fact that this special session of the Legislature will soon ex-

pire, by operation of law, creates an emergency and imperative public necessity, requiring the suspension of the constitutional rule that bills be read on three several days, and that this bill take effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

SEVENTEENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
Monday, March 18, 1918.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by President Pro Tem. Decherd.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Alderdice.	Hall.
Bailey.	Henderson.
Bee.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Clark.	Page.
Collins.	Robbins.
Dean.	Smith.
Decherd.	Strickland.
Faust.	Suiter.
Floyd.	Westbrook.
Gibson.	Woodward.

Absent.

Hudspeth. Parr.

Absent—Excused.

Caldwell.	McCollum.
Dayton.	McNealus.
Lattimore.	

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of Saturday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Alderdice.

Excused.

Senator Caldwell was excused for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Bee.

Senators Page and Parr for last Saturday on account of important business on motion of Senator Bee.

Senator Lattimore for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Johnson of Hall.

Senator McNealus for today on ac-

count if important business on motion of Senator Suiter.

Petitions and Memorials.

See Appendix.

Committee Reports.

See Appendix.

Morning call concluded.

House Bill No. 53—As Special Order.

By unanimous consent and on request of Senator Suiter, House Bill No. 53 was set as a special order for tomorrow at the conclusion of the morning call.

Bills Signed.

The Chair, President Pro Tem. Decherd, gave notice of signing and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read, the following bills:

H. B. No. 56, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish and create a Criminal District Court for Bowie County; to provide for the jurisdiction of and procedure in said court; to fix the time for holding the terms of said court; to provide for the appointment, election, qualification, duties, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 26, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 67, of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature as amended by Chapter 31, of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, regulating the shipment and sale of intoxicating liquor; this Act being to amend the aforesaid Act of the Legislature so that Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of said Chapter 31 of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature shall be divided into seven sections, to be known in said chapter as Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 5a, 5b, and 5c, and also by amending Section 9 of said Chapter 31, so that said sections as thus divided and amended shall read, in substance, that, except as otherwise provided, it shall be un-